

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Optometry hereby amends Chapter 180, “Licensure of Optometrists,” and Chapter 182, “Practice of Optometrists,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments revise outdated language, outline the requirements for an incomplete application and include the requirement that the best-corrected visual acuity determined by refraction be included as a part of a contact lens or spectacle lens prescription.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 2, 2017, as **ARC 3223C**. A public hearing was held August 22, 2017, from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room 526, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. No public comment was received on the proposed amendments. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

These amendments were adopted by the Iowa Board of Optometry on October 5, 2017.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.3, 147.10, 147.55, 154.2, and 154.3.

These amendments will become effective on November 29, 2017.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **180.2(1)“a”** as follows:

a. An applicant shall complete a board-approved application ~~form~~. Application forms may be obtained from the board’s Web site (~~<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure>~~) (<https://www.idph.iowa.gov/licensure>) or directly from the board office, or the applicant may complete the application online at <https://ibplicense.iowa.gov>. All paper applications shall be sent to the Board of Optometry, Professional Licensure Division, Fifth Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

ITEM 2. Rescind paragraph **180.2(1)“g”** and adopt the following **new** paragraph in lieu thereof:

g. Submitting complete application materials. An application for an optometry license will be considered active for two years from the date the application is received. If the applicant does not submit all materials within this time period or if the applicant does not meet the requirements for the license, the application shall be considered incomplete. An applicant whose application is filed incomplete must submit a new application, supporting materials, and the application fee. The board shall destroy incomplete applications after two years.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 645—182.3(154), introductory paragraph, as follows:

645—182.3(154) Furnishing prescriptions. Before a licensed optometrist provides a spectacle or contact lens prescription to a patient, the eye examination record shall include best-corrected visual acuity with ophthalmic lenses or contact lenses in the lens powers determined by refraction. Each contact lens or ophthalmic spectacle lens/eyeglass prescription by a licensed optometrist must meet the requirements as listed below:

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